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SUBJECT: ALLEGED AFL-CIO STAFFERS REMARKS CONCERNING ILO AND
ICFTU

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REMAKS RELATING TO ILO AND ICFTU CONTAINED
IN WEEKLY LABOR NEWS JANUARY 31 ISSUE INTERVIEW WITH
ELLENBERGER AND ANDERSON:

QUOTE:

HOWEVER, AS REGARDS THE PROBLEM OF THE UNITED STATES'
SECEDING FROM THE ILO, YOU MUST NOT LOOK AT IT OPTIMISTICALLY.
IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AFTER THE
NOTIFICATION OF ITS WITHDRAWAL WILL EXPIRE. BECAUSE OF THE
FACT THAT THE US MOVED ACTIVELY AT THE GENERAL MEETING LAST
YEAR, IT IS BEING SAID THAT THE US WILL NOT WITHDRAW.
HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS NOT THAT SIMPLE. THE GENERAL
MEETING FAILED TO SETTLE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS RAISED AND
ASSERTED BY AMERICA THROUGH THE KISSINGER NOTIFICATION.
WE ARE WATCHING THE ILO GENERAL MEETING OF THIS YEAR WITH
CLOSE ATTENTION, AND ARE ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO THE
HANDLING OF THE FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
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F THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ILO, PROPOSED BY AMERICA.
IF THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTED, THE AFL-CIO WILL DECIDE ON
ITS FINAL ATTITUDE AT ITS CONVENTION AND PRESS THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A DECISION. IT CAN BE
CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF OUR
WITHDRAWING FROM THE ILO THIS YEAR.

THE REASON WHY THE AFL-CIO WITHDREW FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS IS
BECAUSE IT HAS COME TO DEVIATE COMPLETELY FROM ITS
INITIAL IDEAS AND GOALS. EVEN TODAY, THIS DEVIATION
HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTED. IF THE ICFTU CORRECTS ITS
COURSE, THEN WE WILL RETURN TO IT, BUT UNDER THE
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SUCH HOPE.
UNQUOTE.

2. FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE, WHICH APPEARED IN EMBASSY PRESS
TRANSLATION OF FEBRUARY 11-14, POUCHED TO EA/RA HARRIS
ON FEBRUARY 15 AND MAILED TO ELLENBERGER SAME DAY.

3. EMBASSY CURRENTLY PREPARING TRANSLATION OF ELLENBERGER
INTERVIEWS WITH "SHUKAN POST" WEEKLY MAGAZINE AND
JAPAN PRODUCTIVITY NEWS.
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